

By the Queene.

A proclamation made for the reuerent vsage of al Churches and Churchyardes.



¶ auoydying of diuers outrageous and vnseemely behauours bled as wel within and neare the Cathedral Churche of Saint Paul in London, as in diuers other Churches of this Realme, and for the better and speedy reduc-
ing of the same Churches to the godly vses for the whiche the same were builded: The Queenes Maiestie of her godly and vertuous disposition,
straightly chargeth and commaundeth, that al lawes & good ordinaunces
heretofore prouided agaynst syghting and quarrelling in Churches and
Churchyardes, shalbe duely and with al seueritie executed, accordançyng to
the tenor and true meanyng of the sayde lawes and ordinaunces.

And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that yf any person shal make any fray or quarrel, or drawe, or put
out his hande to any weapon for that purpose, or shoote any handgunne or dagge within the Cathedral
Churche of Saint Paul, or Churcharde adioynyng therunto, or within the limites of the soure chaynes
compassyng the same, or within any other Churche or Churcharde, shal receue not only the punyshment
conteyned in the statutes prouided for the same: but also beyng thereof conuicted eyther by the euidence
of the facte, testimonie of two honest and indifferent persons, or by theyr owne confessions before her high-
nesse counsel in the Starre chaumber, or the Maior for the tyme beyng within the citie of London: and in
other places out of the same citie, before two Justices of the peace of the Countie or place where any of the
sayde offences shalbe committed: shal suffer imprisonment by the space of two monethes without bayle or
maynepryse: And further pay suche fine and foſſeyture towardes the reparacion of the sayde Churche of
Saint Paul, or of other Churches where the same offence shalbe committed, as shalbe asselld by the sayde
Counsel Maior, or Justices before whom suche conuiction shalbe, as is aforesayde.

And her Maiestie further straiglytly chargeth and commaundeth al and synguler her subjectes, that
none of them duryng the tyme of preaching within the sayde Churche of Paules, or Churcharde of the
same, or of any diuinite lecture readyng, or of diuine seruice in the same Churche, or in any other Churche
or Churcharde within the Realme, shal walke vp & downe, or bse any hynde of disturbance, or spende the
tyme in the same about any bargaynes or other prophane causes: but shal resorte bnto the common prayer,
preaching, or readyng, and there quietly and reuerently behauie them selues, as to the duetie of Christian
men apparteyneth, or els quietly to auoyde out of the sayde Churche or place, vpon Payne of imprisonment,
and of suche further fine as is aforesayde: the fine alwayes to be conuerted to the repayring of the Churche
where the offence shalbe committed.

Her Maiestie also straiglytly chargeth & commaundeth that al persons do forbeare to make from hence-
forth any limitation or appoyntment by wrytyng or otherwile, for the payment of any summe or summes
of money within the sayde Churche of Saint Paul, or in any other Churche or Chappel where diuine ser-
vice is or shalbe bled, and the word of God preached, or to carye or recary anye burden, fardell, or other vn-
seemely thynge through the sayde Churches, other then for the repaying or other necessaries of the same
Churches, vpon Payne of imprisonment, and further punishment by fine, as afore is sayd.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawful as wel to any person, whiche at this present stand bound by any
former couenaunt or bonde, to make any payment of any summe or summes of money, in any Churche, or
other place aforesayde, to make tendre and payment of the same, as also to every such person and persons, to
whom the summe is or shalbe due, to receaue the same in suche place where it is limited to be tendred and
payde, unlesse the parties (whiche is trusted they wyl for good orders sake) shal otherwyle agree: This
Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the better execucion of this Proclamation, her Maiesties pleasure and expresse commaundement
is, that the Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffes, and other her Officers, and Commons of her Cittie of London,
and every of them, doo not onely ayde, and assist, and helpe the Byshop of the sayde See and Churche of S.
Paul, for the tyme beyng, and other Ecclesiastical Officers and Ministers of the same, from tyme to tyme, in
the due execucion of the premisses, as neede shall requyre: but also that the sayde Maior of London, shal ap-
point euery sunday, and other holydayes in the yeere, duryng suche tyme, and at every tyme that shalbe
thought by the Byshop or Deane of the Churche requisite, some one or two of the Aldermen of the said Cittie
of London, accompanied with .iiii. or .vi. discrete Commoners of the sayde Cittie, and attended vpon with

a convenient number of the Sergeantes and Officers of the sayd Citie, to repayre vnto the said Church of S. paul, there to see the premisses duely executed in al poyntes accordingly. And if they shal find any person disobedient, or offendyng in any thyng touchyng the premisses, to apprehend and commit him forthwith to prison, there to remayne without bayle or maynprise, vntyl further order be taken with the said offendour in fourme aforesayde. And finally, her Maestie straightly chargeth and commaundeth all and singuler her Justices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughes, Churchwardens, and all other her hyghnesse Officers, Ministers, and Subjectes, that they and every of them from tyme to tyme, endeavour them selues to the besse of theye powers, to cause and see that this her Maesties Proclamation and expresse commaundement, within the limittes of theye iurisdiction and parishes, be put in due and full execution, according to the fourme aboue mentioned, as they tender her Maesties special fauour, and wyll abyde the contrary at theye perylls.

Seuen at S. James, the xxx. of October, the iii. yeere of the raigne of Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Queene of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the fayth. ac. 1561.

God saueth the Queene.

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